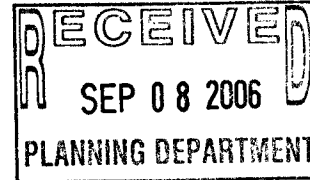


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Mr. John W. Baty  
City of San José  
200 East Santa Clara Street  
San José, CA 95113-1905

Dear Mr. Baty:

**Evergreen · East Hills Vision Strategy – Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR)**

Thank you for continuing to include the California Department of Transportation (Department) in the environmental review process for the proposed project. We have reviewed the FEIR and have the following additional comments to offer.

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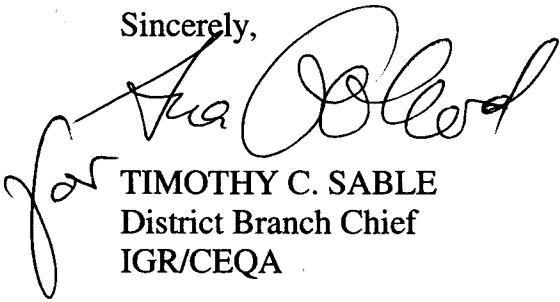
- 1) Response 4-L: The response states:..."while changing the base metering rate would effect maximum wait times, the relative differences between the various scenarios would not change." The maximum wait times need to be included in this report (based on existing metering rates) so reviewers of this document can see what the true impact of the development will be on the affected roadways. This document needs to be revised and resubmitted for review. In addition, the statement that Caltrans will be increasing the metering flow rates needs to be removed from this document.
- 2) Response 4-O: The response is inadequate. See response #1 above. The assumption that the ramp metering rates will be increased is wrong and needs to be removed from this document. In addition, any analysis that assumed that the metering would be increased needs to be re-analyzed with the existing metering rates and resubmitted for review.
- 3) Response 4-P: The queues would be split between Capitol Expressway on-ramp and Yerba Buena on-ramp. However, the queues and delays would not necessarily be reduced.

- 4) Response 4-T: The response is inadequate. See response #1 and #2 above. The analysis needs to be re-analyzed with existing metering rates and re-submitted for review.
- 5) Response #55-A (to Kuldeep Thirumalai): The statement in the Draft Environmental Impact Report is not true for northbound US 101 and needs to be removed from this document. Project sponsored improvements to US 101 will not substantially improve traffic operations on northbound US 101 as there are no project-sponsored improvements to northbound US 101. Kuldeep Thirumalai's comment has not been adequately addressed.

Additional comments, if any, from our Forecasting, Traffic Systems, System and Regional Planning and Transit and Community Planning functional review branches will be forwarded to you as soon as they are received.

Should you require further information or have any questions regarding this letter, please call José L. Olveda of my staff at (510) 286-5535.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Sable", is written over the typed name. To the left of the signature, the word "for" is written in a cursive script.

TIMOTHY C. SABLE  
District Branch Chief  
IGR/CEQA

c: Scott Morgan, State Clearinghouse